

Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4715. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 222. Concurrent resolution recognizing the leadership and historical contributions of Dr. Hector Garcia to the Hispanic community and his remarkable efforts to combat racial and ethnic discrimination in the United States of America.

The message further announced that the House agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 4851) to provide a temporary extension of certain programs, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4715. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 222. Concurrent resolution recognizing the leadership and historical contributions of Dr. Hector Garcia to the Hispanic community and his remarkable efforts to combat racial and ethnic discrimination in the United States of America; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on April 16, 2010, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 25. Joint resolution granting the consent and approval of Congress to amendments made by the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-94. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming affirming Wyoming's sovereignty under the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America over all powers not otherwise enumerated and granted to the federal government by the Constitution of the United States of America; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION No. 2

Whereas, the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States reads as follows: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to

the States respectively, or to the people"; and

Whereas, the Tenth Amendment defines the total scope of federal power as being that specifically granted by the Constitution of the United States and no more; and

Whereas, the scope of power defined by the Tenth Amendment means that the federal government was created by the states specifically to be an agent of the states; and

Whereas, the states are demonstrably treated as agents of the federal government; and

Whereas, many federal laws are directly in violation of the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States; and

Whereas, the Tenth Amendment assures that we, the people of the United States of America and each sovereign state in the union of states, now have, and have always had, rights the federal government may not usurp; and

Whereas, Section 4, Article IV, of the Constitution says, "The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government," and the Ninth Amendment states that "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people"; and

Whereas, Congress may not simply commandeer the legislative and regulatory processes of the states; and

Whereas, the United States Congress frequently considers and enacts laws, and the executive agencies of the federal government frequently promulgate regulations, the constitutional authority for which is either absent or tenuous, including, without limitation, the Real ID Act, which imposes significant unfunded mandates upon the states with respect to the traditional state function of drivers licensing, the Endangered Species Act, which, as construed by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, authorizes a federal executive agency to require specific state legislation related to the traditional state function of wildlife management, the Clean Water Act, which, as construed by the Environmental Protection Agency, authorizes a federal executive agency to exercise regulatory jurisdiction over waters that are not subject to federal regulation, the Federal Land Policy and Management Act, which implements a policy of federal lands retention in derogation of the "equal footing" doctrine. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the members of the legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. That the State of Wyoming Legislature claims sovereignty on behalf of the State of Wyoming and for its citizens under the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States over all powers not otherwise enumerated and granted to the federal government or reserved to the people by the Constitution of the United States.

Section 2. That the rights and liberties of Wyoming, its costates and their respective citizens must be protected from any dangers by declaring that Congress is limited by the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States and that this state calls on its costates for an expression of their sentiments on acts not authorized by the United States Constitution.

Section 3. That this resolution serve as notice and demand to the federal government, as our agent, to cease and desist, effective immediately, from enacting mandates that are beyond the scope of these constitutionally delegated powers. The state of Wyoming will not enforce such mandates.

Section 4. That all compulsory federal legislation that directs states to comply under threat of civil or criminal penalties or sanctions be prohibited or repealed.

Section 5. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution

to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation, with a request that this resolution be officially entered in the congressional record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

POM-95. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming requesting Congress oppose House Resolution 980, titled the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION No. 1

Whereas, H.R. 980 was introduced in the United States House of Representatives on February 11, 2009; and

Whereas, H.R. 980 would designate an additional six million five hundred fourteen thousand (6,514,000) acres to the national wilderness system in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, regardless of their unsuitability and failure to meet the wilderness criteria outlined in the 1964 Wilderness Act; and

Whereas, these additions to the National Wilderness System will have tremendous negative impacts to the economies of the counties in which they occur and ultimately to the economy of surrounding counties and the State of Wyoming; and

Whereas, the continuance of all multiple use activities, including motorized recreation, outfitting, grazing, timber harvesting activities and mineral development is crucial to the long term economic diversity of all Wyoming counties and the State of Wyoming; and

Whereas, the Wyoming congressional delegation, representing a state heavily impacted by the proposed wilderness expansion, is not on record in support of the designation; and

Whereas, the United States Congress does not customarily make wilderness designations without first seeking concurrence with the states affected. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the members of the legislature of the State of Wyoming:

Section 1. That the Legislature of the State of Wyoming is adamantly opposed to the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act, H.R. 980, and hereby requests that the United States House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee oppose this legislation.

Section 2. That the Secretary of State of Wyoming transmit copies of this resolution to the President of the United States, to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States Congress and to the Wyoming Congressional Delegation, with a request that this resolution be officially entered in the congressional record as a memorial to the Congress of the United States of America.

POM-96. A joint resolution adopted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming relative to Congress amending the tenth amendment of the Constitution of the United States and amending the interstate commerce clause, article 1, section 8 of the Constitution; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION No. 3

Whereas, the tenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States reads as follows: "The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people."; and

Whereas, the tenth amendment to the Constitution of the United States defines the total scope of federal power as being that